

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:

HAYES ET AL.

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**For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
PERFORMING INPUT/OUTPUT FLOOR  
PLANNING ON AN INTEGRATED  
CIRCUIT DESIGN**

Confirmation No.: 1106

Examiner: **PIERRE LOUIS, A.**

Art Unit: 2123

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.113**

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Sir:

The present Amendment is submitted in reply to the Examiner's Final Office Action dated May 18, 2006, having a shortened statutory period set to expire August 18, 2006.